

**BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD OF
OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY**

IN THE MATTER OF:

LILLIAN D. PUMA, D.O.
Holder of License No. 2836 for the
practice of osteopathic medicine in the
State of Arizona.

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSION
OF LAW, AND ORDER OF SUMMARY
SUSPENSION**

The Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery (hereafter "Board") held a public meeting on May 12, 2001, regarding Lillian Puma, D.O. (hereinafter "Respondent"). Following the Board's review of information and evidence obtained pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1855 and § 32-1855.01, and having considered the evidence and information in the matter and being fully advised, the Board enters the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order of Summary Suspension, pending proceedings for suspension, revocation or other action.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is empowered, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1800, et seq to regulate the licensing and practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
2. Respondent is a licensee of the Board and the holder of License No. 2836 for the practice of osteopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
3. On or about March 7, 2000 the Board issued Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Board Order for Probation based on information brought to the attention of the Board that Respondent was prescribing large amounts of controlled substances and failed to maintain adequate medical records. Respondent was placed on a five-year probation with the following terms and

conditions:

- a. Restricted from prescribing or administering any Schedule II controlled substances;
- b. Attend thirty hours of continuing medical education;
- c. Undergo random chart reviews;
- d. Hire a management consultant to evaluate office procedures and provide status reports to the Board's Executive Director; and
- e. Undergo a comprehensive psychological evaluation.

4. On or about May 12, 2001 Respondent appeared before the Board regarding compliance with her Board Order. The Board was informed that the U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Agency was investigating Respondent for various drug-related matters. The Board reviewed information that Respondent was prescribing large amount of controlled substances without maintaining adequate medical records.

5. In public session, the Board voted on May 12, 2001 to send this matter to a Formal Administrative Hearing due to Respondent's failure to maintain adequate medical records, failure to comply with the Board's Order and inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances. The Board also found that Respondent was unable to competently and safely engage in the practice of medicine and was an immediate threat to the health, safety and welfare of the public.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1800, et seq. the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and surgery has subject matter and personal jurisdiction in this matter.

2. The Board has the authority to summarily suspend an osteopathic license pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1855(C) and § 41-1092.11 when a physician may not safely engage in the practice of medicine and is an immediate threat to the public's health, safety and welfare.

ORDER

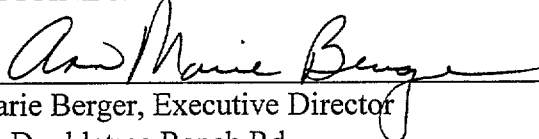
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1855(C) and § 41-1092.11, **SUMMARILY SUSPENDING LICENSE NO. 2836 HELD BY LILLIAN PUMA, D.O.** for the practice of osteopathic medicine in this State of Arizona effective May 12, 2001 pending further disciplinary proceedings or until further Order of the Board.

2. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1855(C), that Lillian Puma, D.O. shall submit herself for such mental, physical or oral or written medical competency examinations or any combination thereof as may be designated by the Board. Such examinations shall be conducted by persons specified by the Board.

EFFECTIVE this 12th day of May, 2001.

ARIZONA BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINERS
IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

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